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	Tammara R Peyton		2182	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The indicated finality of claims 1-21 is withdrawn in view of the newly filed declaration/affidavits. However, rejections based on the previously cited reference follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maleck et al., (US 6,611,912), cited 06/15/04.

As per claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-13, and 16-19, Maleck teaches a data processing system comprising:

- a processor;
- a memory device coupled to the processor by a local bus;
- an input device coupled to the processor by the local bus;
- an output device coupled to the processor by the local bus;
- an operating system operable for running on the system;
- a driver stored in the memory device;

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- a PCI bus coupled to the local bus;
- a controller (Fig.1) coupled to the PCI bus;
- a codec (inherent) coupled to the controller; and
- a connector coupled to the codec and adaptable for coupling to a telecommunications network, wherein the PCI controller further comprises:
 - a codec query routine operable for reading an identification code from
 - a memory location on a codec, the identification code unique to a manufacturer of the codec; and
 - a loader routine operable for loading a driver as a function of the identification code, wherein the driver is loaded only if the unique identification code is read from the codec. (Maleck, Abstract, Figs. 1-3, col. 1, lines 15-col. 8, lines 1-65)

Maleck teaches a method of determining one or more riser card (AMR audio/modem riser) codecs (vendor ID codes) provided by a riser card connected to a motherboard via a PCI bus, wherein an vendor ID associated with the audio/modem codecs is used for loading drivers corresponding to the vendor ID.

As per claims 4, 9, 14, and 20, Maleck teaches wherein the driver is supplied by the manufacturer.

As per claims 5, 10, 15, and 21, Maleck teaches wherein the identification code is assigned by an industry standards organization.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (571) 272-4157. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin, can be reached on (571) 272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3718. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tammara Peyton', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Tammara Peyton

February 17, 2005